

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 9/9/86

FULL NAME John Casher Whittenburg SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]CITY Muncie STATE IN ZIP CODE 47302DATE OF BIRTH 9/3/41 (This is important and should be exact)APPROXIMATE AGE 25 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)RELIGION Baptist NATIONALITY OCCUPATION Rocker - IndependentEDUCATION 10<sup>th</sup> grade - quit schoolWEIGHT 205 lbs HEIGHT 5'11" RACE CaucasianCOLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES BrownOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS 

MARRIED OR SINGLE  CHILDREN Step daughter  
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE Not known

## SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
Troop 38	Muncie	IN	S.A.	8/9/85	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: He was to be arrested for child molestation. Prison term is 7 years

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December 11, 1986

Mr. A. John Bosio  
Scout Executive  
Crossroads of America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John C. Whittenburg

Dear Gus:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
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cc: East Central Region

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August 18, 1986

Mr. A. John Bosio  
Scout Executive  
Crossroads of America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John C. Whittenburg

Dear Gus:

Thank you very much for the information which you sent us related to the above-named individual. This will certainly be most helpful to us and enable us to refuse registration anywhere an attempt should be made.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, so that we may identify Mr. Whittenburg should he move somewhere else after being released from prison and try to register.

Please also let us know the prison term as soon as this is available. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
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cc: East Central Region

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# Jury mulls case of accused molester

By GREG GOLDSMITH  
Evening Press reporter

Child-molesting defendant John Whittenburg preferred the company of boys to that of adults during the eight months he was a Boy Scout leader, another leader testified today.

Called as a rebuttal witness in Whittenburg's trial, Assistant Scoutmaster Terry Berrier said, "In my opinion he had become one of the boys instead of an adult."

He said Whittenburg would come to meetings of adult leaders only if he were dragged away from the boys.

Whittenburg is charged with per-

forming oral sex on a 12-year-old boy during a Scout outing to Camp Redwing cabin in January. A Delaware Superior Court 2 jury will try to reach a verdict in the case today.

Berrier said that after Whittenburg became a Scout leader in May 1985 the membership of the troop swelled from about 23 to about 50. Whittenburg enlisted many of the recruits, he said, but all dropped out after the charge was leveled against Whittenburg.

Berrier also said that he was aware that Whittenburg had taken boys on camping trips that Whittenburg portrayed as Scout outings, but which were not.

Deputy prosecutor Irma Hampton Nave has tried to show that Whittenburg lured boys onto camping trips, furnished them with beer and marijuana, then attacked them homosexually.

She called to the witness stand the 12-year-old named in this case as well as two 15-year-old boys who said they were the victims of similar attacks during camping trips last year. Both older boys also said they witnessed Whittenburg attack other boys on camping trips.

Defense attorney Kelly Bryan has concentrated his case on the specific incident mentioned in the charge. There were more than a dozen boys in the Camp Redwing lodge that night, and Bryan called 10 of them to the witness stand Tuesday. All said they heard or saw nothing out of the ordinary that night.

Berrier, the only other adult in the lodge, also testified for the defense Tuesday and said the same thing as the boys. He mentioned, however, that he "was exhausted" and slept soundly that night.

One 14-year-old said he was awake most of the night because it was so cold. One of several teenage boys who have attended the trial as supporters of Whittenburg as well as witnesses, he added, "John

Whittenburg was my friend. He never tried anything with me, and I don't believe he'd do anything like that."

But today Nave called in rebuttal another 14-year-old who said he was in the lodge and awake with the first boy. He said that the other told him during the night that Whittenburg had marijuana with him.

The 12-year-old involved in this case testified that Whittenburg had shared a marijuana cigarette with him before bedtime that night.

The attorneys presented their final arguments to the jury this morning, and Special Judge Steven Murphy gave jurors instructions on the law before turning the case over to them.

Whittenburg did not take the stand during the three-day trial. If he had, jurors could have learned of his criminal record, which includes a conviction for burglary.

If convicted, he faces a prison term ranging from two to eight years. The burglary conviction would make him ineligible for a suspended sentence.

In addition to this case, Whittenburg faces trial on two other counts of child molesting. Both stem from incidents with boys ages 12 and 14 during camping trips along the Mississinewa River last year.

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# Boys Testify in Child Molesting Case

During the camping trip, Whittenburg had offered him marijuana, the boy said. The second witness, who was 14 years old at the time of his incident, said Whittenburg tried the same tactics on him during a camping trip in April 1985.

The 24-year-old offered beer and marijuana to four boys he took on a camping trip along the Mississippi River, the now 15-year-old said.

The boy said he woke up because "I kept feeling something on my private area" and that he found Whittenburg "with his lips on my

private area."

Both boys said that they didn't mention the incidents at first because they were scared of Whittenburg, although the 15-year-old said he went on a second camping trip with Whittenburg to show a friend that his statements about Whittenburg were true.

Bryan questioned the older boy about an incident that occurred during the first camping trip when Whittenburg left with a friend to go to the Muncie Speedway.

During follow-up questioning, Nave said, "What Mr. Bryan is

trying to say is that you made up this story to get even with Johnny Whittenburg because you were mad at him for not letting you go to the speedway. Is that true?"

"No," the boy replied.

The older boy said he had been threatened by Whittenburg and had taken steps to make sure he would not be the only witness in the case.

The trial, scheduled to last until Wednesday, will resume at 9 a.m. today with the testimony of a third boy who told investigators he was molested by Whittenburg on a camping trip.

# Trial begins in case of ex-Scout leader accused of molesting youth

By GREG GOLDSMITH  
Evening Press reporter

Former Boy Scout leader John C. Whittenburg went on trial today in Delaware Superior Court 2 on a charge that he molested a 12-year-old boy during a January Scout outing.

Whittenburg, 24, wore a basketball-style jersey to court today to watch his attorney, Kelly Bryan, and deputy prosecutor Irma Hampton Nave examine prospective jurors.

The charge against Whittenburg stems from a trip to Camp Redwing while he was assistant scoutmaster of a troop. The boy was not a member of the troop, police said, but Whittenburg had "actively solicited" him to go on the trip.

Whittenburg is accused of performing oral sex on the boy and fondling him.

The charge is a class C felony, which is punishable by up to eight years in prison. Whittenburg has a prior conviction for burglary and is not eligible for a suspended sentence.

In addition to the case being tried this week, Whittenburg faces two more counts of child molesting that are the result of similar incidents, according to police.

In those charges the prosecution alleges that Whittenburg molested the boys, ages 13 and 15, during the 1985-86 school year. Those incidents happened on camping trips on the Mississinewa River, investigators said.

Those incidents came to light during the investigation of the other incident, police said.

A tentative trial date of Sept. 8 has been set for those charges.

Steven Murphy is special judge for this week's trial. Testimony is expected to begin sometime this afternoon.

The Muncie Evening Press

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## Muncie/Hoosierland

### Scout leader guilty of molesting

Former Boy Scout leader John Whittenburg was found guilty of child molesting early this afternoon by a Superior Court 2 jury.

Whittenburg was charged with performing oral sex on a 12-year-old boy during a Scout outing to Camp Redwing cabin in January.

Whittenburg sat quietly during the reading of the verdict and the polling of the jury, but his mother, who arrived in the courtroom a few minutes after the verdict was read,

burst into screams of "He's not guilty. He's not guilty. He's not guilty."

Deputy prosecutor Irma Hampton Nave convinced the jury that Whittenburg lured boys onto camping trips, furnished them with beer and marijuana, then attacked them homosexually.

He faces a prison term ranging from two to eight years. Judge Steven Murphy set sentencing for July 17.

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# Muncie/Hoosierland

## Youths tell of drugs, beer and molestings

By GREG GOLDSMITH  
Evening Press reporter

The first three witnesses in John Whittenburg's child-molesting trial all say they were given beer and marijuana and molested by the defendant on a series of camping trips in 1985 and early 1986.

Whittenburg, a 24-year-old former Boy Scout leader, is specifically charged with performing oral sex on a 12-year-old boy at a Boy Scout outing in a Camp Redwing cabin in January.

Deputy prosecutor Irma Hampton Nave has been able to present to the Delaware Superior Court 2 jury testimony about several alleged assaults similar to the one in the charge. Usually testimony about other criminal acts by the defendant is not permitted, but an exception to that rule is that it can be permitted if it shows a "common scheme and plan" used by the defendant.

Special Judge Steven Murphy has ruled that the exception applies in this case.

The 12-year-old testified Monday along with a 15-year-old boy who said Whittenburg attempted oral sex on him during a camping trip near on the Mississinewa River. Both said Whittenburg gave

them marijuana, and the older boy said Whittenburg gave him and other boys beer.

Today another 15-year-old testified that Whittenburg performed oral sex on him during the first and last of three camping trips he and his 13-year-old brother went on late last year. He said he saw Whittenburg performing oral sex on the 13-year-old on the third trip.

He also said his brother told him that Whittenburg had molested him on the first trip, but Murphy ordered the jury to disregard that statement after defense attorney Kelly Bryan objected to the hearsay nature of the testimony.

The younger brother is in Texas and won't be available to testify in this trial.

The older brother said that after the last camping trip he was mad enough to kill Whittenburg, and he issued a threat during his testimony today.

"As soon as he gets out of jail, he will be dead," he said.

The two brothers are listed as the victims in two other counts of child molesting that the prosecution has filed against Whittenburg. That case is to be tried later.

Bryan has been attacking the testimony of the youthful witnesses

with questions about how they managed to sleep through Whittenburg pulling down their trousers. All three said they were awakened by the actual sex act.

He also questioned the two 15-year-olds about why they went on camping trips with Whittenburg after he had molested them.

One said that he had gone on a second trip to show a friend what Whittenburg did to him. He said on the second trip he saw Whittenburg under a blanket with another boy.

The other said that he didn't believe Whittenburg would repeat the act.

Bryan has told jurors that he will call several witnesses, including Scouts and another adult Scout leader, who will say that they were with Whittenburg and the 12-year-old boy in the Camp Redwing cabin in which the crime allegedly occurred. All will say they saw no such incident, he said.

The hallway outside the courtroom has been lined with teenage boys during the two days of trial. Some are prosecution witnesses and their friends and relatives, while some are defense witnesses and friends, relatives and supporters of Whittenburg.



ACCUSED... John Whittenburg heads toward courtroom for trial on charges of child molesting. — Evening Press photo.



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July 31, 1986

Mr. Paul Ernst  
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Dear Paul:

More clippings on John C. Whittenburg with his picture.

There sure are a lot of strange people around.

Sincerely,

A. John Bosio  
Council Executive

AJB:mr

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